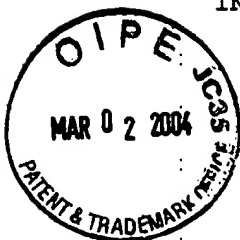


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Masato SHIMAKAWA et al.
Serial No. : 09/749,345
For : SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS, SPEECH SYNTHESIZING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
Filed : December 27, 2000
Examiner : Jakieda R. Jackson
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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	11	Minus	= 20	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$00.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	= 3	0 ×	\$86(43)	= 00.00
				Total additional fee for this amendment		\$00.00

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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